

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

As noted above, applicants are electing Group I directed to claims 1-4. Entry of the amendments are also requested.

A notice on the merits is requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Version to Show Changes Made".

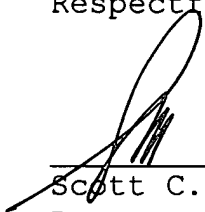
In view of the above amendments, all of the claims should be in condition for allowance. A formal notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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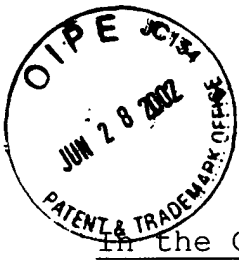


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VERSION TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claim 5 has been cancelled.

Claim 1 has been amended as follows.

1. (Amended) A plasma CVD apparatus comprising:

a vacuum chamber;

an introducing means for introducing a gas into the vacuum chamber;

an exhaust means for exhausting the gas from the vacuum chamber to an outside;

[an] a first electrode for supplying an electric energy inside the vacuum chamber;

a supporting means for supporting a substrate opposing the first electrode,

wherein an introducing port is located adjacent to an electrode side surface of the substrate,

wherein a plurality of openings are located on a surface of the first electrode opposing the substrate,

wherein the gas is exhausted from the plurality of openings to the outside of the vacuum chamber.

New claims 6-8 have been added.

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